Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 29 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 30 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 29 Oct 2021 at 03:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable and often wet weather over the coming days. The greatest uncertainty relates to the timing of the individual areas of rain. Good confidence for colder conditions next week.

Headline for Friday 29 Oct 2021: Rain developing across most parts. Driest in the west. Mainly light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 29 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	70%	60%	60%	20%	40%

Forecast for Friday 29 Oct 2021

Weather: A mainly dry start but cloud will thicken from the south to bring a spell of rain, perhaps heavy in the east, although some of the west coast may stay dry throughout. Rain clearing northeastwards through the afternoon but some uncertainty in timings. Bright or clear spells following with a few showers towards the west coast, sleety on Munro tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% falling 40% through afternoon.

Visibility: A few areas of cloud are likely to develop above around 500 or 600m. Heavier rain will turn lower slopes hazy. Cloud lifting through the afternoon but may linger in the northeast until evening. West is best.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	10/12 S	13/16 S	15/18 SW	16/19 SW	18/24 SW	21/27 S	20/25 S
900	9/11 S	12/15 S	14/17 SW	15/19 SW	18/24 SW	20/26 S	19/24 S
600	5/8 S	6/10 S	9/12 SW	11/16 SW	12/17 SW	13/20 S	12/18 S
300	0/6 S	1/8 S	3/11 SW	4/14 SW	3/16 SW	3/17 S	2/14 S
Glen	2/3 E	2/4 E	3/7 SW	5/12 SW	5/14 S	5/14 S	6/13 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-1	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4
900	4/0	3/-1	4/-1	3/-1	3/-2	3/-3	3/-2
600	6/4	6/4	6/3	6/2	5/2	5/1	5/1
300	7/7	7/7	8/8	8/7	7/6	7/6	6/5
Glen	10/10	10/9	11/10	11/10	10/8	9/8	9/7
Freezing Level*	1400m	1300m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

There is uncertainty in the extent of rainfall, but far western parts look set to escape the worst of this. Feeling cold across highest ground, even considering the limited strength in the wind.

Forecast for Saturday 30 Oct 2021

Weather: Dry through the early hours but rain will quickly spread northwards to affect all ranges and some heavier spells are possible within this. Improving conditions by afternoon as this cloud and rain clears north leaving sunshine and scattered showers. Increasingly dry through evening.

Maximum wind: South 20-30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% morning, improving 70%.

Visibility: Very little low cloud initially, but cloud will quickly become extensive above around 500-600m for all ranges as rain arrives and brings tricky navigation conditions. This will lift and break, leaving only occasional patches above 600m thereafter, these often associated with passing showers. Visibility falling to a few kilometres on lower slopes during rain and showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8-10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200-1400m.

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